

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2014

4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Warren Green Building, 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

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**Attendance:**

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)  
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)  
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)  
Chris Phillips (Lee District Representative)

**Staff:**

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner  
Maureen Williamson, Administrative Staff

**Guests:**

Julie Bolthouse, PEC  
Maggie MacQuilliam, PEC

**Members Absent:**

Hilary Gerhardt (Cedar Run District Representative)  
Julie Broaddus (Scott District Representative)  
Center District Representative – position vacant

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Ms. Mary Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The December 11, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

**New Business**

- Ms. Wendy Wheatcraft introduced new Fauquier County administrative staff member, Ms. Maureen Williamson, who will assist Ms. Wheatcraft with administrative responsibilities related to the ARB.

**On-going Business**

- Plans for a National Preservation Month (May 2014) event were discussed. The Board discussed additional event ideas including:
  - The creation of a Preservation Month commemorative booklist, which would be comprised of historic preservation resource related material. It was suggested that each Board member comprise a list of preservation resources and the lists would be reviewed and compared on a future meeting date.
  - Ms. Wheatcraft put forth the idea of sponsoring a historic preservation movie night to include the showing of a film titled, *The Greenest Building*. There was a discussion regarding possible venues in which to show the film, which included the Highland School, John Barton Payne Building, Vint Hill Theater, Warrenton Middle School, Marshal Community Center, and the First Baptist Church. The Board will vote on a National Preservation Month event at their next meeting, which will be held on February 5, 2014.

- Ms. Wheatcraft presented a document titled, “Summary of Responses to the Public Cultural Resource Questionnaire”, which summarized returned questionnaires to date. Ms. Wheatcraft reported that there is a theme developing on the returned questionnaires that includes protection of the County’s cultural landscape and its cultural features (e.g. historic road, stone fences, cemeteries, historic farms, etc.) The Board asked that a summary of the survey responses be posted or made public for community viewing. Ms. Wheatcraft noted that it may be possible for a summary of responses to be made available to the public via the Chapter 2 webpage located on the Fauquier County Community Development website. More information on this will be forthcoming. The Board also asked if Marie Del Rosso sent notification about the surveys to her Roundtable e-mail contacts. Ms. Wheatcraft stated that she would confirm this.
- An update on the progress being made to the revision of Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan was discussed. Ms. Wheatcraft noted that she is in the process of writing about the background of preservation in the County and targets a February timeframe for a rough draft. The rough draft will be an item on the ARB’s February meeting agenda and Ms. Wheatcraft will bring the rough draft materials to the meeting for Board review.
- The ARB’s report on the preservation of the Waterloo Bridge, as prepared by Ms. Root, will be an item of business on the January 29, 2014 Transportation Committee meeting agenda. The ARB’s report on this important resource will be included in the Transportation Committee’s January meeting packet. In preparation for the Transportation Committee’s January meeting, this Board distributed hard copies of the report at the Committee’s December 11 meeting to inform members about the history and significance of the bridge prior to their January meeting and to better prepare them for making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

ARB members agreed the bridge is part of the county’s cultural landscape and discussed suggestions other than leaving it as a transportation route. A park and a pedestrian bridge were given as possible suggestions. Ms. Julie Bolthouse with PEC made note of her recent conversation with VDOT, who noted that since the bridge is considered a secondary road, there are no federal funds available for preservation of the bridge. Ms. Bolthouse also shared a January 7, 2014 article published on Fredericksburg.com titled, “It’s decision time for Culpeper County’s oldest bridge”, which listed the needed repairs at two million dollars.

General announcements were made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.